

## Message Text

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EA: MR. DELVECCHIO

S/S - MR. LUERS

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, VS

SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. REQUEST THAT YOU RELAY THE MESSAGE IN PARA 2 TO IS  
EXCELLENCY, NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF VIET-NAM.

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS  
ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES. I FULLY SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER  
THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM. YOU MAY BE  
ASSURED THAT MY ADMINISTRATION WILL REMAIN STEADFAST  
AND STRONG IN ITS SUPPORT OF VIET-NAM AND IN THE PURSUIT  
OF OUR COMMON GOAL OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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WITH BEST WISHES.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END TEXT.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO  
RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE REPLY, BUT THEY HAVE NO  
OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE RECIPIENT.

4. FYI, ORIGINAL MESSAGE READ:

QUOTE:

HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD FORD

UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF THE HIGH OFFICE OF  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I WISH TO  
CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS  
AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR MISSION STOP  
I LOOK FORWARD TO THE STRENGTHENING OF BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP  
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SO THAT A JUST  
PEACE CAN BE RESTORED IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THUS  
JUSTIFYING THE COMMON SACRIFICES OUR TWO PEOPLES HAVE  
MADE STOP PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES  
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION STOP

SIGNED NGUYEN VAN THIEU, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF VIETNAM UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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